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College President Julio León and wife Vivian record a holiday greeting Nov. 19 at the KGCS studios in Webster Hall. Vivian is also active at the College with the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

The Man Behind the Desk

Andy Tevis/The Chart

León celebrates his 20th year as College President, says term has been smooth

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Walking into the president's office for the first time more than 20 years ago, Dr. Julio León didn't have a big agenda that first day.

After settling down in his new office, León walked over to a large mountain of school files. He opened the first one, looking over all the numbers, facts, details and analyzed its importance.

Then he opened the next file.

"I wanted to know where every single dollar was," León said.

After the first stack of files was finished, he began working on the next pile. It was tiresome work, but he knew it had to be done.

"It helped me understand how things moved," León said. "I wanted to learn about the school."

At the time, he was only filling an interim position after Dr. Donald Darnton, school president, suddenly resigned. Asked to serve as president for one semester, León knew he would be able to get back to the school of business to serve as dean. It was there where he could teach business, economics and finance.

Teaching was what he loved to do.

Toward the end of the semester, he began hearing a few comments here and there about the upcoming presidential vacancy.

"I heard people suggesting it," León said.

After a lengthy application and interview process with the Board of Regents members, Ray Grace,

TURN TO **PRESIDENT,** PAGE 8

Finances dominate discussion

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

The future of the state and college budgets created much conversation at the Board of Regents meeting Nov. 15.

"The colleges and universities this year are going to be more active," said College President Julio León. "There's no question last year higher education bore a disproportionate burden."

Dr. Paul Teverow, Faculty Senate president, said he and Roger Chelf, Senate member and Missouri Association of Faculty Senate council member, represented Missouri Southern at the Oct. 18 MAFS meeting.

Robert Stein of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education reported that two-year institutions have petitioned the CBHE to be awarded the status of "sole providers" of associate degrees and "off campus" general education courses. Two-year institutions are also eager to provide lower-division courses for teacher preparation.

Stein also announced the CBHE will be looking more closely at the missions of each institution. The new system, which includes "measurable goals" and "consequences," will be instituted to replace the Mission Enhancement program.

At the meeting, the video of Jim Moody, former budget director of Missouri, was shown to enhance the grim predictions of the future of the state budget.

Quentin Wilson, who was recently named to a one-year term as CBHE commissioner, emphasized that colleges and universities need to work together to prove the vital role of higher education in the state's economy.

León said the College is in a "waiting mode" to find out just how extensive the budget cuts to higher education will be. He said it will be December before the exact number is decided upon.

"The budget under which we're operating is already in the red," he said.

León said he hopes higher education will experience more fairness "as opposed as to what happened last year when elementary and secondary education received favorable treatment, and we had to pay for it."

He said Quentin Wilson being named CBHE commissioner for one year "should expedite matters as far as leadership is concerned."

León also announced the Governor's Conference

TURN TO **REGENTS**, PAGE 8

Head athletic trainer leaving position to commit to family

Conklin 'passes flame' to replacement trainer after 15 years at Southern

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The Family Man might have been a hit movie, but Marty Conklin, head athletic trainer, can really be considered a family man.

Conklin has decided to step down from his position of athletic trainer and take a full-time faculty position teaching in the kinesiology department to spend more time with his family.

"My wife and I have kind of made a renewed commitment to family," he said. "We just adopted a little 6-year-old girl, and we have an 8-month-old son, to go along with our two teen-age boys. We have two boys that are both 19 and 17."

Conklin said with the schedule of an athletic trainer, he wasn't able to be there when his two oldest sons were growing up, and his wife was responsible for raising the two. He said the main reason for changing his job was the family commitment.

Another reason he took the job is because he's "not a young man anymore." He said the pace of being a trainer is starting to be difficult. He said trainers put in many hours during the weekends and at nights.

"Just the sheer pace has become more of a challenge for me," Conklin said.

The decision to switch to full-time instructor was made in July, although discussion about the matter was started at the beginning of 2002. He said Dr. Patsy Lipira, head of the kinesiology department, offered him the job in July. After he accepted, he talked to Sallie Beard, athletic director.

Conklin said during the discussions with Beard, they decided the change should happen after the fall sports programs ended.

Conklin said fall is the busiest time of the year for the athletic trainers. Instead of having Darren Moore, assistant athletic trainer, be unprepared for the fall semester, it was best to postpone the switch until spring.

Beard said Conklin will be missed because of all the work he did for the program. She said he has saved the College money.

"Marty has really helped this program grow," she said. "He has had some entrepreneurial ideas that have done a lot to save Missouri Southern significant dollars."

She said the department advertised the position two weeks ago and named Moore as Conklin's replacement last week. Conklin said when he takes his new position in the spring semester, he will be available to give advice to Moore.

Conklin is in his 15th year at Missouri Southern. He said that the first three years at Southern he was the assistant athletic director. He decided that it was time for him to pass the flame on to a new generation of athletic directors and become a teacher instead.

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Marty Conklin, head athletic trainer, treats Dwayne Rucker, sophomore football player.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 61
Low: 38

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 42
Low: 37

For complete weather, turn to Page 2

ONLINE

Read a story Tuesday about the men's cross country team's results at the national meet at www.mssc.edu/chart

Senate talks street names

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Streets on campus may be named as soon as Feb. 11, Zack Odem, Student Senate president, reported Nov. 20.

During a special meeting of the street naming committee, held immediately after the regular session, Odem said his goal is to have the placement of the street signs coincide with the completion of the crosswalks lighting project. Odem said the committee's suggestions have already been submitted to the administration. He said he hopes to get the project started as soon as possible.

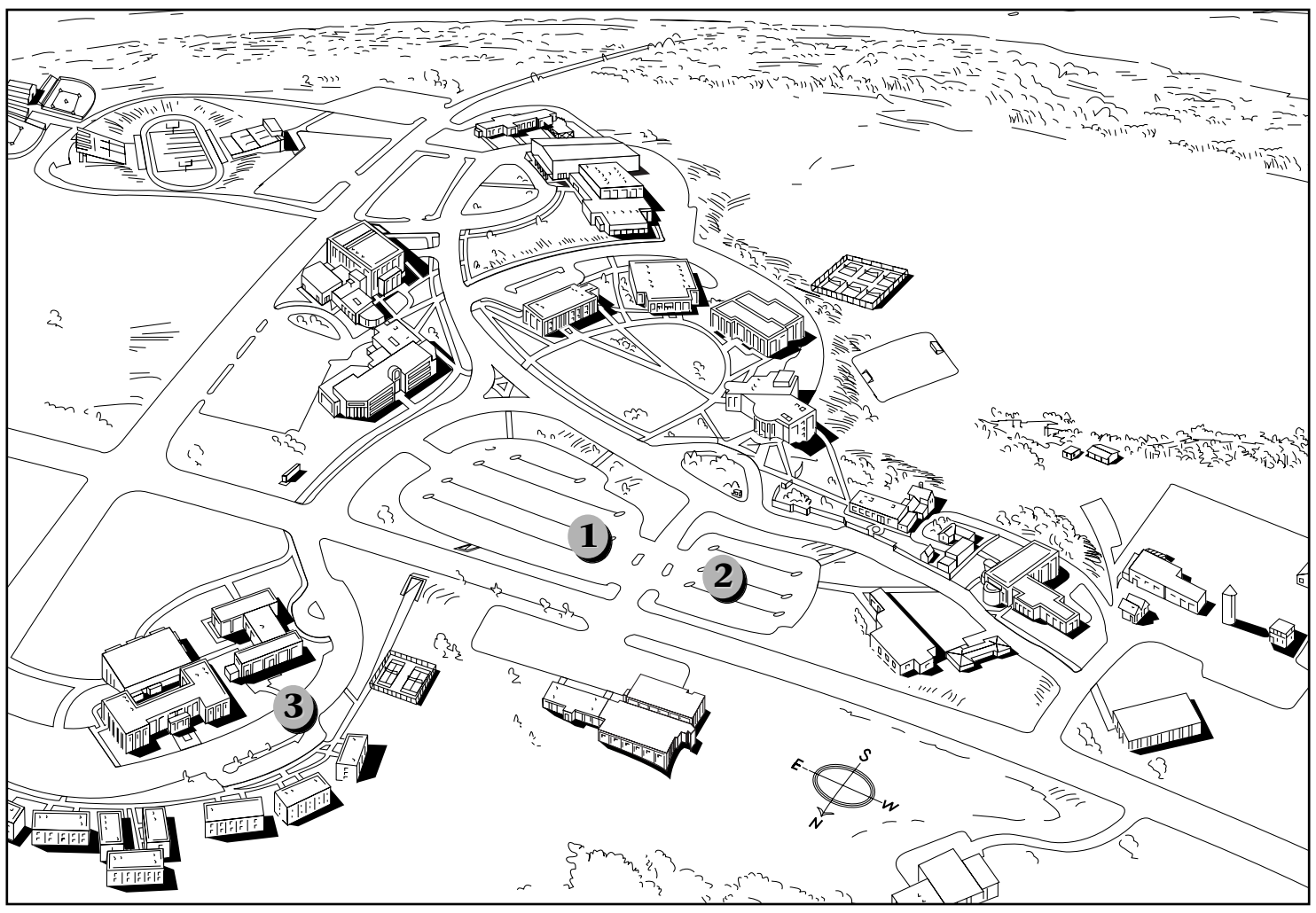
The committee's street name recommendations are as follows: Mission Hills Lane, Green and Gold Boulevard, Lion Pride Lane, University Parkway, Southern Boulevard, Lantern Drive, International Avenue (or Parkway), Mansion Drive, Stadium Drive, Victory Lane and Scenic Drive.

A short debate was held over the manner in which the street signs should be funded. Odem said he expects the project to cost slightly more than $1,000. He suggested the Senate should allocate $1,000 to the project, and the physical plant should pay the remainder.

Some committee members said the Senate should fund the entire project, while others said the Senate should pay as little as possible. Odem said he will have a more clear funding picture after he hears back from the administration.

In other business, the Senate allocated $1,000 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for a Christmas party for area underprivileged children. The rules were suspended so the Senate could move immediately to the second reading of the request. Amber Phipps, FCA president, said the money will be used to help buy presents, wrapping paper and dinner for the children.The meeting was the final business meeting of the semester. The Senate treasury balance is now $10,650, and the administration traditionally allocates an additional $8,000 to the Senate for the spring semester.

The Senate will meet again Wednesday, Dec. 4 to sing Christmas songs to residents at area nursing homes. The Senate Christmas party will be held immediately afterward at Pizza by Stout.



More accidents, more CDs stolen from vehicles

1 Stolen Property

11/16/2002

11:45 a.m.

Security was notified Nov. 16 about a student's vehicle that was broken into. It was reported that 20 to 30 CDs were taken from the vehicle. The officer asked the student if the car was locked. He stated that it was, but the back window latch was broke.

The student said the car had not been driven in about a week. No suspects have been named.

2 Damaged Vehicle

11/18/2002

4 p.m.

Security was notified by a student Nov. 18 that her vehicle may have been hit while on campus. She didn't realize the vehicle had been damaged until she had the car serviced by a mechanic.

The mechanic said there was damage to the taillight assembly and a dent to the driver's side front fender.

3 Damaged Vehicle

11/19//2002

1 p.m.

A student contacted security that her vehicle had been hit by another student in the Blaine Hall parking lot. The student was picking up her roommate when another student backed up and hit the left quarter panel.

More excessive damage was visible to the first student's vehicle.

Accessweather.com Local Weather Report — Nov. 22, 2002

Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Sunny — High: 57 Low: 30

Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 61 Low: 38

Sunday — Mostly Cloudy — High: 42 Low: 37

Monday — Sunny — High: 44 Low: 28

Tuesday — Sunny — High: 46 Low: 27

Wednesday — Sunny — High: 48 Low: 32

Thursday — Sunny — High: 52 Low: 33

Weather History

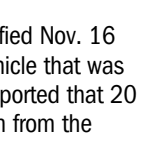
Nov. 21, 1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, Fla. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas, Fla. It was the latest known hurricane to hit the United States so far north.

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	56	33	58/38	0.00"
Tuesday	58	27	58/38	0.00"
Wednesday	66	40	58/38	0.00"
Thursday	55	45	57/37	0.17"
Friday	47	32	57/37	0.00"
Saturday	50	25	56/37	0.00"
Sunday	66	34	56/36	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.17"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.98"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.81"
Precipitation for the year .....39.38"
Normal precipitation year to date .....41.37"
Departure from normal for the year ...-1.99"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast



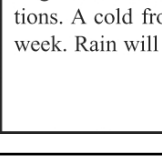
An area of high pressure will be in command of the weather across the campus today and Saturday, providing sunny to partly cloudy skies. Clouds will be on the increase Sunday as a cold front will slide in from the west. This front will generate a 30 percent chance of showers along with breezy conditions. High pressure will regain control of the weather to begin next week, creating sunny skies and this will be the best chance to head outdoors. High temperatures will top out in the 40s to the lower 60s. Low temperatures will drop into the upper 20s and 30s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 11/27 — New 12/4 — First 12/11 — Full 12/19

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:04 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	9:32 a.m.
Sat	7:05 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:28 a.m.
Sun	7:06 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	11:19 a.m.
Mon	7:07 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	10:07 p.m.	12:04 p.m.
Tue	7:08 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	12:43 p.m.
Wed	7:09 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	None	1:17 p.m.
Thu	7:10 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	12:23 a.m.	1:48 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week



A strengthening area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will plow through the northeastern United States to end the week. A likely chance of precipitation will occur along with very windy conditions. A second storm system will move into the Great Lakes region and the Midwest this weekend. This system will promote another round of precipitation under mostly cloudy skies. The main area of low pressure will strengthen tremendously as we move into the beginning of next week across the mid-Atlantic region and the New England states. Therefore, widespread precipitation will result along with blustery conditions. A cold front will make its way into the Pacific Northwest by the middle of next week. Rain will occur along the immediate coastline.

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Weather Trivia

The National Weather Service is under what federal department?

Answer: The Department of Commerce.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	1.64	2.98	4.97
Oct	2.30	6.44	3.50
Nov	0.56	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**39.38**	**45.03**	**42.59**

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Missouri Southern gardener Al Wood works on cleaning out a flower bed in preparation for winter. Wood said one of the best parts of his job is seeing the campus grow.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Time to Move on

Southern gardener decides it's time to retire after 25 years

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Ready for retirement, Al Wood looks back over the 25 years he's spent as a gardener at Missouri Southern and considers how much the campus has changed.

He's seen Webster Hall rise, Matthews Hall being built, many new residence halls spring up and plenty of new add-on projects being done.

"There has been a great change in the overall look of the College since I came," Wood said.

Wood came to the College in 1977 after leaving his job as a landscaper at Carver National Monument in Diamond.

He wanted a position that would give him work year round, and the state had just decided Southern could hire a full-time gardener.

Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant, has known Wood for three years.

"His mark is just about everywhere on campus if you look around," Harrington said.

Wood trims, plants and tends to flower beds and shrubs around campus, especially around the oval area.

Before the 9-11 remembrance ceremony, Wood did all the landscaping around the flag of freedom memorial, Harrington said.

There have been many things Wood has savored over the years.

"I've enjoyed being outside, being able to grow things," he said. "It's very fulfilling to see things that you plant grow.

"I've enjoyed very much the people that I've met here. The whole staff and faculty, I've come to know a lot of them over the years. I've seen a lot of them come and go, but it's been very rewarding working with them. I will miss very much the people I've worked with."

Though he will miss many people, Wood said he is looking forward to retirement and getting off the "8-to-5 routine."

He plans to do a lot of traveling with his free time and visit his two daughters, six grandchildren and eight great-granddaughters with his wife of almost 52 years, Lawanda.

One of the reasons he's decided to retire now is because of an open heart, triple bypass surgery he had in March 2002.

"There's something about that type of sickness that makes you evaluate your priorities," Wood said. "If I'm going to do some of the things that I want to do, then I better take the time and do them."

Harrington said he was worried Wood might not be able to keep up after his surgery, but he didn't have to worry.

"He actually came back much stronger after his surgery," Harrington said. "He's right out there working with everybody at 75 years old. That's pretty amazing. I hope I can do the same."

Wood said he's appreciated what the College has done for him and his family these 25 years.

"I hate to leave the many good friends that I've made here, but I expect to come back and visit every now and then," he said.

Library director looking to fill empty positions

Applications coming from across U.S.

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Library workers have had to take on some extra duties this semester due to a couple of retirements and position moves in the library staff.

The library is now looking to fill the position of reference and instruction librarian and the library search committee has brought four candidates to campus.

"It's one of our key positions," said Wendy McGrane, interim library director. "I don't want to settle. I want to find the right person."

McGrane said candidates are required to have a master of library science from an American Library Association accredited school.

The position is an entry-level position, but the committee would like the candidates to have some experience in a library.

"We would like them to have a strong orientation for customer service and team work," said McGrane. "We have been pleased with the applications we've received."

The position requires the person to help classes and students learn to use the library resources.

"We would like to have someone who is outgoing and enthusiastic about teaching," she said.

Candidates are brought to campus so they may show the search committee their ability to teach. The candidates are also shown around campus and Joplin. They go through a full day of getting to know the library, staff and job title. Applications have come from across the country and even Canada.

The library staff has broken up the duties of instructing and helping students this semester.

"They're making the transition well," said Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs.

Martin said the library has had several changes because of budget cuts, retirements and remodeling.

"They are managing well under the circumstances," Martin said.

The position has been open since June. Charles Kemp retired as library director and McGrane took over the position. Kemp had worked in the library for 17 years.

McGrane's job as research librarian is the position being filled.

Martin said, however, that the new job opening is not exactly the same position that was vacated.

He said the new staff member will take on a combination of tasks from other retirements and position moves.

"It's an opportunity to find a person to help the library," Martin said.

Scholarship erases student's tuition

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Public Forum Editor

Being the recipient of a scholarship makes one feel fortunate, but receiving that scholarship for a second year in a row is an honor.

"This is one of the largest scholarships Missouri Southern has, so I feel really fortunate to be the one who received it," said Gretchen Cole, junior biology major, recipient of the Dorothea B Hoover Scholarship for the second year in a row.

The scholarship covers tuition for one year at 12 credit hours a semester.

Monthly dues from the Joplin branch of the American Association of University Women fund the scholarship in conjunction with fund-raising projects the group holds throughout the year.

Gretchan Cole
Junior Biology Major

The association held a fund-raiser Nov. 16, including a silent auction, arts and crafts table, a bake sale and a used book sale.

At the fund-raiser Carrie April Tillis, daughter of Mel Tillis, provided a program of Broadway tunes, popular songs, opera and country melodies.

Tillis talked about how beneficial a liberal arts education was to her, said AAUW president, Jean Campbell.

Tillis had been a theatre student, but switched to vocal music then discovering opera, which she spoke about on Nov. 16, as being perfect for her voice, Campbell said.

"We had a large attendance making this the most profitable fund-raising event we have ever held," she said.

The college scholarship committee is responsible for selecting the recipient of the Hoover scholarship.

"If a student applies to the College for a scholarship, then they are in the pool of women eligible to receive the scholarship," Campbell said.

In the AAUW newsletter, Teresa Massa, Foundation Board, stated the goal of the group was to have 100 persons

TURN TO **SCHOLARSHIP,** PAGE 8

Missouri Southern choir receives high honors

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
City Editor

Three choirs from institutions of higher education are selected each year to perform for the music instructors of Missouri.

Missouri Southern's Chamber Choir is one of them.

"It's great for the kids to have an opportunity to sing for music educators," said Bud Clark, director of choral studies. "It's probably one of the most difficult audiences to sing for. To get a good response from them would be wonderful.

Choirs from across the state may submit an audition tape to the Missouri Music Educators Association to sing at its annual convention. Choirs may only turn in a tape every four years. This enables several different schools to participate in the convention.

The tapes, which remain anonymous, are judged by music experts from out-of-state. This decreases any biases a judge might have toward a particular institution.

Choirs are judged on the overall performance and quality of the group. Clark said the judges listen for the blend, balance and maturity of the choir.

"They judge just on what they hear on that tape," he said. "So, the quality of the group has to show through."

> *"It's great for the kids to have an opportunity to sing for music educators."*
>
> **Bud Clark**
> *Director of Choral Studies*

Southern hasn't been eligible to submit an entry for a decade due to the fact Clark was president. Southern last submitted a tape in 1991, in which the choir was accepted to sing at the 1992 convention.

The 2002 convention in Tan-Tar-A will be held Jan. 23-25. Southern's Chamber Choir will perform at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Clark said the group is planning a program of seven songs.

Chamber Choir normally practices twice a week, but to prepare for the convention, it added

TURN TO **CHOIR,** PAGE 8

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Harlem Globetrotters come to Southern

The Harlem Globetrotters will perform in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12.

Tickets are available at the box office in Billingsly Student Center. Tickets for seating are $75 in the Magic Circle; $22 in the mid-section; $17 in the outer section; and $12 in the bleachers.

All orders for tickets on credit cards will be charged an additional $3. Faculty, staff and students can get a $2 discount with their IDs. No discounts are available for seating in the Magic Circle.

Those interested can call the box office at 625-9366.

Speed reading class available to students

A speed reading class will be offered during the 2003 spring semester through the Learning Center.

The five-week course is worth one hour of credit.

Four sessions will be offered: Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 19; Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 20; Mondays and Wednesdays, March 24-April 23; and Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 25-April 24. All sessions last from 1-2:15 p.m.

Class size is limited to 12 people per session. Those wanting to enroll may contact the Learning Center at 625-9373.

Theatre department opens Christmas play

Southern Theatre and the Show-Me Celebration Company will present "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Dec. 7 and 8 in Taylor Auditorium.

Show time is at 2:30 p.m. each day.

The play is by Clement C. Moore and adapted by Katy Henk Realista.

Tickets cost $1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 13. No free passes are available.

For reservations, those interested may call 625-3190. Anyone with a disability requiring accommodation must let the box office know at least 72 hours in advance.

College honors Léon for 20th anniversary

Missouri Southern will host a reception Thursday, Dec. 5 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Dr. Julio León as president of the College.

All members of the faculty and staff are invited.

The reception runs from 2-4 p.m. on the second floor lounge of Billingsly Student Center. A special program begins at 3 p.m.

Learning Center taking applications for tutors

The Learning Center is taking applications for tutors.

Tutors are needed in the subject areas of science, math, writing and general studies.

Those wanting to tutor must be at least a sophomore, have a 3.0 grade-point average or higher and able to tutor four to 12 hours a week.

Tutors can earn $6 per hour.

Those interested can apply in person at the Learning Center in the Mansion Annex. The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 6.

German Club sponsors speaker at next meeting

The German Club will sponsor a special speaker at its 11 a.m. meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Dr. Gertrud B. Pickar will speak about Annette von Droste-Hiilshoff, a 19th century German literary author.

The meeting will take place in the communications department conference room.

Editor's Column

Burned out, tired, finally 'in place'

Allison Rosewicz
Editor-in-Chief

Last semester when I was offered the position of editor-in-chief on *The Chart*, I was scared out of my mind.

I remember asking myself, "How am I going to be a full-time student and take on one of the toughest responsibilities on campus?"

I began the semester thinking how exhausted I would be by the end of it. I'm not going to lie — I am so ready for this semester to be over. I've been living for a break from writing and studying for a few months now.

I may be burned out, but thanks to the staff I have worked with on *The Chart* this year, I haven't lost my mind in a whirlpool of work. After going through the most difficult time of my life last year, these people are the reason I'm surviving this year.

In fact, they are the best group of friends I have ever had. All my life I've felt out-of-place with the people I called friends. Now, for once, I feel more "in-place" than I ever have.

It's pretty cool that a group of people who see each other pretty much 24/7 can get along so well. One would think that by 3 a.m. on a deadline night, we would all be ready to kill each other. But that's not the case. Instead, we're talking about what we're all going to do together on the weekend.

I don't have the space to tell why I love the entire staff so much, but let me take the time to mention the people with whom I work most closely — the editors:

- Jeff Reid, executive editor — my second brother, even though he claims I don't respect him.
- Jerry Manter, managing editor — gives the best greetings when I enter *The Chart* office.
- Andy Tevis, director of photography — possibly the nicest guy I've ever met.
- Michelle Conty, public forum editor — big mouth (that's not a bad thing; I respect it, in fact), but a big heart at the same time.
- Jacob Brower, associate editor — understands social anxiety the way I do. You will be missed next semester, man.
- Philip Martin, sports editor — can dance "the sprinkler" better than anyone I know.
- Eric Scott, assistant sports editor — has solely made a vest with Guns 'N Roses and Metallica patches the coolest piece of clothing on earth. He will be sorely missed next semester when he returns to Colorado.
- Josh Ray, diversions editor — fellow high school graduate, can take criticism like no one else. Trust me, he's proved that this semester.
- Mandi Steele, international

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León knows what's best for College

Chart Opinion

Some people continue to blame Dr. Julio León for Missouri Southern's budget problems.

In reality, however, a man in his 20th year as College president probably knows what is best for Southern.

Many people have used León as the scapegoat for the College's difficulties.

As the top man on the totem pole, he is an easy target. The source of the budget problems, however, lies within the state's economy.

It's not the College president who has made money mistakes; it's the state government.

For years, revenues in Missouri have been steadily decreasing, and now the state in suffering in the red. Unfortunately, state universities and colleges have faced the most withholdings and cuts in funding.

And as one of the more cost-efficient colleges in the state, Southern seems to be suffering the most.

True, in the past two semesters León, as well as other College officials, made the decision to raise tuition.

While students were burdened with empty pocketbooks, there really was no other option.

Next semester another 10-15 percent funding cut is expected from the state. This time around, however, the College has worked around increasing tuition again. Students can take a sigh of relief.

But that does not mean students won't experience a lack in resources elsewhere.

All departments at Southern are operating on extremely low budgets and will have to continue to do so. León, along with the College, is doing the best he can with what is available.

So let's all stop blaming one man here. This is a state, as well as a national, economic crisis. Let's allow León to enjoy his 20th anniversary as College president rather than giving him more stress.

Campus Voice

How's León handling the budget crisis?

"I'm pleased with what I've gotten out of MSSC. I think he's doing a fine job."

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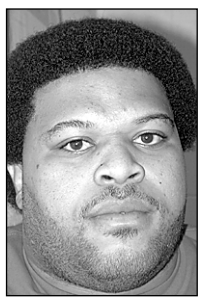
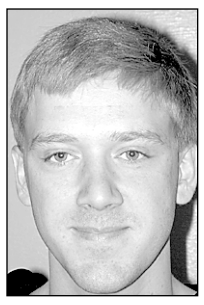


"I believe he is doing a good job, because when there was a problem at the crosswalks it was addressed quickly."

Collis Jones
Senior
Psychology Major



"The biggest problem is not doing a gradual increase in tuition but rather increasing it all at once."

Terry Cunningham
Junior
Mass Communications Major

"The quality of our classes is outstanding. León has done an outstanding job."

Robert Moss
Senior
Public Relations Major

"I'm curious why tuition keeps in creasing, yet university status has been put off."

Kacie Grimmett
Junior
Secondary Education Major

In Perspective

Focus on passionate ideas, grades take care of themselves

Dr. Gwen Murdock
Head of Psychology Department

I never wanted to graduate from college.

I wanted to keep going to class, hanging out in the library or cafeteria and thinking about ideas.

I had fun in college, because I was passionate about a few ideas.

I was passionate about primates, the order of mammals that includes humans, apes and monkeys.

I was a biology major, but I loved my physical anthropology classes.

My senior year, I took a course in Primatology, where we examined the ecology, morphology and behavior of primates.

I chose a topic of orang-utan ecology for the course research paper. However, the library at CU-Boulder had almost no relevant reference materials.

Some were very obscure. With my professor's written permission, and in spite of the fact the librarian said, I shouldn't investigate topics that aren't in our library.

I persisted in requesting interlibrary loans from all over the country.

My professor encouraged me to not turn in my paper on the due date, but only after I had used all the references. Over the next six months, I continued working on the paper, even after I officially graduated.

Working on this project was tremendously satisfying.

However, I was let down by the final 'A' grade.

I would rather have had a conversation with my professor about my topic or read his analysis of my paper.

Lately, I have thought a lot about my own learning and grading orientation. As a student, I was much more learning oriented.

As a professor, I want to become much more learning oriented for my students. Many students discuss their grades or their graduation requirements with me.

Far fewer students discuss their ideas with me. I hope you come to love college the way I did. I hope you find ideas to feel passionate about.

I hope you can work on those ideas, regardless of the limitations of our library, our semesters, and our graduation requirements.

If your topic is one about which I am somewhat knowledgeable, I will help you explore it.

Focus on the passion of ideas and the grades will take care of themselves.

"I had fun in college, because I was passionate about a few ideas."

Dr. Gwen Murdock
Professor of Psychology

The Legacy Lives On

McCalebs establish tradition

In 1939, a student at what was then Joplin Junior College started a tradition that lives on to this day. Kenneth McCaleb saw a need for a newspaper at the school, which would one day be Missouri Southern State College. He took the initiative to create one and christened it *The Chart*.

Jeff Billington
Editor, *The Chart*
1999-2000

Although Mr. McCaleb has now passed away, the newspaper he started still thrives and does its dual purpose as an instrument of learning for the students who make up its staff and as an information source for the students, faculty and staff of Missouri Southern.

I first met Kenneth and Margaret McCaleb in April 1998 when they were in Joplin for the unveiling of the McCaleb Initiative for Peace. I was a rookie editor on *The Chart* at the time and was more than a little awed by someone who would give $150,000 worth of Time-Warner stock in the pursuit of peace.

During the years I worked on *The Chart* I was able to see the McCalebs several times. Whenever they were in Joplin, they made a point to stop by and say hello. I have to admit the few times I missed them when they stopped by the office I always hoped they would make it by again before they left town.

I cannot remember Mrs. McCaleb without a smile on her face. She is one of those people that whenever you see her, you automatically want to hug her. When they were on campus the McCalebs were inseparable. At a program one night in Webster Hall auditorium, I noticed them sitting up toward the front holding hands.

Mr. McCaleb was an incredibly wise man. If you would ask him a question, he would lean back a little and muse on it for a second before answering.

One of the highlights of my relationship with the McCalebs came with the 60th anniversary of *The Chart* in November 1999. They had come to Joplin to participate in an anniversary dinner for *The Chart* as well as the Homecoming activities that were taking place that week.

I felt a sense of pride being the current editor of the newspaper Mr. McCaleb had created and named all those years earlier.

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Special to The Chart

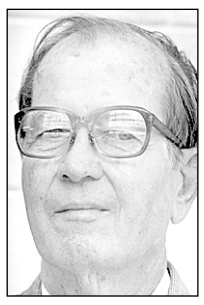
This is the original staff of The Chart, as pictured in the 1940 Crossroads yearbook. McCaleb, far left, founded and named The Chart. He thought the name fit, because the newspaper was to serve as a graph by which the College's progress was to be measured.

Founder's vision still strong

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

Though Kenneth McCaleb recently died, his legacy at Missouri Southern is expected to live on for years to come.

An alumnus of Joplin Junior College, the precursor of Southern, McCaleb founded *The Chart* as a student in 1939. He said he thought the name fit, because he envisioned the newspaper serving as a graph of the College's progress.



Kenneth McCaleb
Founder, *The Chart*

"The school newspaper was an extracurricular activity in those days," said Margaret McCaleb, Kenneth's wife. "He was always fascinated with words and was interested in newspaper work at that time. I think that's what he wanted to do for a living. He never really forgot about words and newspapers, though."

Change of plans

After graduation, McCaleb's career goals changed. He was drafted into the Army in 1941, five days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was a navigator on bombing missions over Germany during World War II, and then later became a mechanical engineer for NASA and the University of Oklahoma. He retired from the Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., in 1982.

McCaleb's passion for journalism and the printed word never changed, however. According to Margaret, he was an avid reader of literature and would question neighbors who did not subscribe to a newspaper.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, head of the Institute of International Studies and adviser for *The Chart*, said McCaleb took an active role in *The Chart* until his death.

"He felt ownership of *The Chart*," Stebbins said. "Obviously, he gave birth to it. The McCalebs would usually come back to campus every Homecoming. Whenever he came back, he always made a point of talking to the editor."

Fittingly, visiting the Southern campus was one of the last things he did. The couple attended the Gockel Symposium Sept. 26, and McCaleb became ill upon returning to his home in Huntsville, Ala. He died Oct. 8.

Wartime experience

McCaleb's experiences in the war gave him an exceeded amount of appreciation for peace. While flying a mission over Germany in Oct. 14, 1943, McCaleb's plane was shot down. The Germans held him and his entire crew as prisoners of war until April 29, 1945.

James Harris of Little Falls, N.Y., the lone surviving member of the mission, recalled the uncomfortable conditions the soldiers were forced to endure that year and a half.

"We weren't fed too good," said Harris, who was a tail gunner in the mission. "We had a sanction of eight bunks and no heat. When we were released, the first thing I thought to do was just get home. It was very good to be out."

Harris said he and McCaleb became close while in the service.

"I miss him," he said. "Betty (Harris' wife) and I miss him. He's been here with us, and we visit them in Alabama. We were quite close friends."

Harris said McCaleb got him out of several jams while they were together in the service.

"It's 40, 50 below zero up there," he said. "Our pilot forgot his boots one time, and I let him wear mine and froze my feet. Kenneth put my feet under his armpits, and did the same thing with my hands.

"I wouldn't say he saved my life, but he sure as hell helped."

Initiative for Peace

After retiring from Marshall, McCaleb decided to devote a great deal of effort to the cause of peace. In 1998, he donated 2,000 shares of Time-Warner stock, valued at $150,000, to start the McCaleb Initiative for Peace. The Initiative allows students to travel to sites of former wars and publish their findings in *The Chart*.

The Institute of International Studies gives students $5,000 each for their projects, which is interest on the stocks, Stebbins said. He said the Initiative is supposed to run "indefinitely."

"The Initiative has given [Southern] another area of distinction," Stebbins said. "It's the largest grant available to a student on campus, and it's enhanced Missouri Southern's national and international reputation. The students that have been selected have each produced a body of work that some have [compared] to a master's thesis.

"It's a great addition to *The Chart*. *The Chart* is providing information to the students that other papers can't even begin to think of doing."

Student reflections

Ginny Andrews, a 2000 Southern alumna, was the recipient of the first McCaleb Initiative grant in 1998. She went to Germany and wrote about the the aftereffects of World War II.

She said she found the experience to be rewarding.

"I think that it gave me a sense of history that very few people in my generation, our generation, have had the privilege of experiencing," Andrews said.

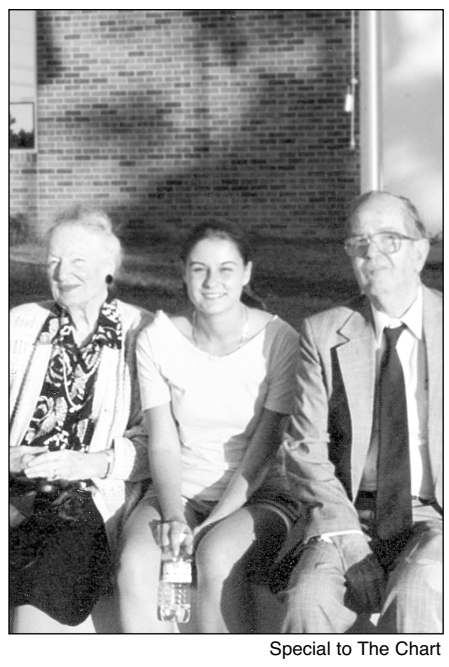
She kept in touch with the McCalebs during and after her mission. She said she had a great deal of respect for them.

"I just really feel *The Chart* is really fortunate to have a man like Mr. McCaleb in its past," Andrews said. "There is a lot that can be learned from the way he and Margaret lived their lives and the way they gave to things they believed in. To do what they did with their money says a lot about their values."

Monicca Shanthanelson, senior biology, chemistry and pre-medicine major, visited India in December 2001 with the grant.

She said she was impressed with McCaleb's personality and dedication to the Initiative.

"He was extremely humble for a man of his intelligence," said Shanthanelson,



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The McCalebs and Iana Vladimirova, one of the recipients of this year's Peace Initiatives, met during the Gockel Symposium in September.

who met the McCalebs at this year's Gockel Symposium. "I'm really thankful to him for letting me do that. The financial help was great. Not many schools have things like this.

"He was a great man, and I'm really glad I got to meet him. It was an honor."

Amanda Tweten, senior general studies major, traveled to Boston in the summer of 2001. She said she believes the Initiative gives students a great opportunity, and is a valuable service to the College.

"I think the idea behind the scholarship is a good one," she said. "It gives students an awesome opportunity to do an in-depth study on something that interests them. Who wouldn't want an opportunity like that?"

Tweten said she believes the Initiative gives Southern an advantage over other institutions of higher learning.

"I've never seen anything quite like this scholarship at any other institution," she said. "For the most part, the scholarship does provide students pretty free reign to do or study whatever they want."

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Diversions

Winter Movie Preview

Classes are starting to wind down a bit and Christmas break (no school — all right!) is coming rather quickly.

With both of those things happening, students are given something they are deprived of throughout the semester, that mythical free time. So what are you going to do with all that extra time you have to spare? Obviously, studying is not an option (even if you do have finals), and you can't work all the time. So why not go to the movies?

Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

There are actually some decent movies coming out this winter. Of course, there are also some really poor movies coming out. Oh well, let's go and see what's coming out.

Eight Crazy Nights
Nov. 27

I feel kind of weird talking about a cartoon that is coming out, but this looks like it is going to be a lot different from the usual corny Walt Disney ones that have been released lately. In fact, this one is not even made by Disney. What sets it apart from all the other cartoons, though, is the voice behind the three main characters. That voice is Adam Sandler. This fact in itself makes the movie at least somewhat enticing to movie goers.

The movie is basically about a troublemaker named Davey Stone (voice of Sandler) who finally pushes the limits too far. He gets the choice between going to jail or doing community service at a youth basketball league as the assistant referee. He feels like he won, until he meets the head referee Whitey Duvall (also the voice of Sandler).

Basically, the movie looks hilarious. It seems to be something new for Sandler, rather than the usually slap-stick humor he is known for. Everyone who enjoys a good comedy should definitely put this movie on their "to see" list. Also, the movie features a new version of the "Hanukkah" song by Sandler.

Solaris
Nov. 27

Science fiction meets a love story meets something else. This movie stars George Clooney as a psychologist who goes to a space station. He is investigating the way the planet Solaris is affecting the few remaining members of the space crew. As he investigates, he discovers his wife is on the space station also, except that she supposedly died years ago.

This movie seems pretty corny and boring to me. Of course, with Clooney in the starring role, what else can one expect? It sounds like it is seriously lacking action, so I am having trouble understanding if this is supposed to be a science fiction piece, a romance or a mystery. Whatever it is, it sounds exceptionally uninteresting. It is definitely not a movie that I would waste seven bucks and a Friday or Saturday night to see.

The Hot Chick
Dec. 13

With Rob Schneider as the leading role, this movie is pretty well guaranteed to be a hilarious flick. Of course, you'll probably have to shoulder past all the high schoolers that are going to be in the theater also. But that's OK.

The movie is basically about a stuck-up teen-age girl who is used to getting whatever she wants.

Then, suddenly, a curse is placed on her and she becomes, well, a he, a 30-year-old at that. As she tries to get herself changed back, she discovers just how she was to everyone around her.

This movie actually seems to have a positive message to it, but no one is really going to watch it for that. It looks like an absolutely hilarious movie. Besides, guys, there are some pretty hot chicks in it too. That always helps make it worthwhile to take a date.

Star Trek: Nemesis
Dec. 13

Same crew, same starship, same basic plot for the movie. The only thing that is new to this seems to be the bad guys. Granted, I'm a *Star Trek* fan, but there are only so many movies and television shows they can make before they start getting redundant.

This new one stars the cast from "The Next Generation." Of course, they are on a diplomatic mission for the Federation. They come to an alien planet and discover a threat that could destroy the Earth. The new threat is supposedly the crew's most dangerous "nemesis" (hence the name) yet.

Wow, that doesn't really make me want to run and see the movie. It seriously sounds like every other *Star Trek* movie ever made, as well as most of the television shows. The sexual content scene that is listed in the description will probably be the most new and interesting part to the whole film.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
Dec. 18

I really don't know what to say about this except that it's about damned time it came out. Granted, the last movie in the trilogy just came out in theaters last year and on DVD/VHS this summer. But I think all fantasy movie fans have been waiting for this sequel to *The Fellowship of the Ring*.

For those of you who don't know what this film is about, here goes. The storyline follows the fellowship as it splits up to take quests in different directions. Frodo and Sam are fighting their way to destroy the ever powerful ring. Aragorn and his group of travelers are trying to rescue Pippin and Merry, the hobbits taken during the final battle scene of the first movie. And Gandalf comes back to join the crew.

This is a definite must-see movie. It looks like it will be as great, if not better, than the last. The graphics of the film are amazing, and there seems to be more battle scenes, which just adds to the movie's incredibility. Go see the movie. You will not be disappointed.

Student actress prepares for play

By Nate Billings
Staff Writer

One of the main characters stepped on stage.

The role was of an Indian man, but the one portraying the character was not a man.

She was Rachel Weisensee, junior theatre major.

"Her versatility is incredible," said Dr. Alex Pinkston, associate professor of theatre. "I think if she wanted to, she could work in professional theater or TV."

Weisensee said she started theater in high school and wanted to continue with it through college.

"I plan to go to graduate school," Weisensee said.

She would like to go to a graduate school with a musical theatre major. Weisensee said she would like to some day act in a musical theatre, but has also considered teaching children.

During the past summer, she worked at the Joplin Little Theatre. She taught a two-week children's workshop.

She also portrayed Snow White in the children's play.

"You'd be amazed at how enthused they (the children) are," she said. "It was a good experience."

Weisensee received an acting scholarship to come to Missouri Southern.

"It sort of encompasses your whole life and free time," Weisensee said.

Her friends notice the work effort she has put into her acting.

"Rachel is one of the most dedicated people I know," said Jimmy Noriega, senior theatre and English major.

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Rachel Weisensee prepares for a performance by putting on her stage makeup. Weisensee has performed in numerous plays while attending Southern. She will be acting in the upcoming play *Free to be You and Me*.

Her friends also appreciate her personality.

"Although she is one of the busiest people I know, she always has time to be a good friend," said Julie Krummel, senior speech and theatre major.

Both Krummel and Noriega said Weisensee is a hard worker and is passionate about her work.

Krummel said even though Weisensee was ill, she still came to rehearsals.

Weisensee has been in several plays during her years at Missouri Southern.

She has had roles in *The Pajama Game*, *Romantic Comedy* and *Rakashasa's Ring*.

She will be in the upcoming play *Free to be You and Me* next semester. Weisensee has portrayed roles ranging from a ditzy secretary in *The Pajama Game* to a male Indian minister in *Rakashasa's Ring*.

"She works hard to improve her roles," Pinkston said.

Weisensee said she would like to point out to the students that the Southern theatre is an educational theatre.

She would like people to, "be more open-minded to the things our department does."

The opinions of Weisensee's friends could be summed up with one of Pinkston's statements.

"She's delightful to work with — everything you'd want a professional actor to be," he said.

Campus board surveys students, plans changes

By Jeff Reid
Executive/Online Editor

The results of the 2002 survey are in, and the Campus Activities Board is in for some changes.

The CAB polled nearly 200 students on their thoughts about the way the organization was operating, meeting times and a wide range of other subjects in an attempt to customize its operations to better fit the needs of the students.

"Hopefully, we can try to accommodate more students," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities, in regard to the decision to move CAB meetings to 2 p.m. from noon, and hold the meetings in the second floor lounge of Billingsly Student Center.

"Students always say that nothing is going on, and that they don't have a voice, and that was the purpose of the survey, so they could let us know what they wanted on campus."

Other results from the survey showed the most popular events were free food giveaways, campus picnics and other free items, along with family-oriented events and lectures. The most popular event was the Scott Ritter lecture in October.

However, many students said they didn't feel welcome at CAB meetings, and they weren't aware the meetings were even open to the public.

"We had lots of good feedback from these surveys, so we feel that they were pretty successful," Blackford said.

In regard to the financial situation, Blackford said CAB is doing well, expense wise. The Board started out with approximately $50,000, and while a few big budget items have set CAB back, including the Scott Ritter lecture and Homecoming Week, Blackford thinks the organization is in about the right spot.

"We're sitting pretty well," Blackford said. "We haven't overspent, and we haven't underspent."

On the agenda for the Nov.18 meeting, CAB discussed plans for the spring semester, including what activities to bring in and when.

Weighing heavy on the spring semester budget is the possibility of purchasing a new projection and sound system to further enhance movie night.

The system, which is expected to cost around $4,000, would be purchased toward the end of the spring semester, but not until after numerous prices have been checked.

"We're looking to spend around $4,000, but we're going to shop around and try to get the best deal possible," Blackford said.

CAB meetings are held at noon in the BSC, Room 310, and will change to 2 p.m. in the second floor lounge of the BSC at the start of the spring semester.

The Two Towers is one of many movies being released soon. Read the preview to find out about upcoming releases.

'Excellent' artist earns respect of students

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Jim Bray grades a student's project in his typography class. He has received many awards for his own art works.

BY JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

After beginning his professional career in art at the age of 20, Jim Bray worked at an array of jobs that would build up a strong background in art and design.

Bray, professor of art, has been teaching at Missouri Southern since 1992. He was hired on as department head and a painting instructor. Before that, though, Bray worked at a variety of jobs that would help him build a strong background in design and art.

After graduating from college with a double major, Bray began working for Hallmark in Kansas City. At first he started out as a designer and illustrator, but then moved on to become the department head of contemporary art.

"That was a wonderful opportunity," Bray said. "I could write a book about that one."

For a good portion of the beginning of his career, Bray said he spent most of his time working on his art. He started to forget about the "important aspects of life," like his family. The artist realized how hard the field of art was.

"Being an artist is a rather intensive and lonely line of work," he said.

Bray worked at Hallmark until he was 28, at which time he began working for both Hallmark and teaching at Phillips University in Oklahoma. The change in jobs was not easy. He said he actually did not even like students at first.

"I had to retrain myself," he said.

After leaving Phillips to begin teaching at Southern, he began concentrating his time on his teaching and less on art. He discovered a new joy in teaching students.

"Students today are pretty exciting to work with," Bray said. "I've had real, real good luck with students here."

David Noblett, associate professor of art, has known Bray for the 10 years he has been at Southern. He describes him as a great teacher whom the students enjoy.

"They respect him," Noblett said. "He's an excellent artist and designer and very strong in typography, illustration and lettering. If I were half the teacher he is, I'd be a good teacher."

Bray has a high respect for the students he teaches. He likes to draw and work right alongside them in class. He describes his students as "pretty exciting to work with."

"He draws right along with them," Noblett said. "They get experience along with him."

Bray is balancing spending time with his wife, teaching and working on a couple of art projects. He is the father of two "successful" sons.

Some of his art is being featured in an art exhibit titled "Reflections." The exhibit is being held at the Three Rivers Healthcare Art Gallery at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff.

His most current work is a painting of a Nazi airplane for a former German Luftwaffe pilot. Besides that, he is just trying to "focus on classes."

Old members, new group make great music

In Review

JEFF REID
Executive Editor

It's not Rage Against the Machine, and it's not Soundgarden. It's Audiovent, and it's best to know that right off the bat.

Tom Morello, Tim Commerford and Brad Wilk, from Rage Against the Machine, have moved away from the rap metal scene, and with new lead singer Chris Cornell from Soundgarden, have taken an extremely interesting turn in their musical style.

Rechristened as Audioslave, the quartet has released its first CD, *Audioslave*, backed by the first single, "Cochise."

Based on the sound of the first single, one might think Audiovent is going for an almost Rage-like sound, but there is more depth, musically, to this CD, than anything Rage eve produced.

This can be credited to the addition of Cornell and a desire by the rest of the band to change its sound.

And this desire for change shows through clearly on "I am the Highway," a slow, well thought out, haunting song, in which Cornell shows the lyrical talent that made Soundgarden so popular.

Every track on the CD is excellent, when you get right down to it. From funk to blues, nearly every style of music is incorporated into at least one track on the CD.

What makes this musical variation even more interesting is the way Morello uses the different genres to create absolutely incredible guitar solos.

On "Shadow of the Sun," Morello creates an effect that sounds like it has been digitally created, but is done entirely with guitar. I have no idea how he does it, but it sounds awesome.

And the guitar on "Getaway Car" sounds very traditional, almost bluesy guitar effects. It sounds so different from anything else that's out there today, it's impossible to classify.

One thing many people are wondering about is if the political aspect Rage preached so much is still there. The answer is yes and no.

Morello has joined with System of a Down frontman Serj Tankian to form Axis of Justice (www.axisofjustice.org), an organization that aims to "save the world, fight power, etc." But without Zach de la Rocha fronting the band, the political component, like de la Rocha, is missing in action.

Even if you weren't a fan of Rage or Soundgarden, this CD is so completely different from everything else that either band put out, it's impossible to judge based on what you've heard in the past.

But if you're a fan of incredible vocals, and the greatest guitarist since Stevie Ray Vaughn, then this CD is definitely for you. So go buy it. Right now.

SING IT

Tracy Hamilton/The Chart

Alana Carris of Whisper Loud performs for a Missouri Southern audience with her bandmates Tessa Gaskil, left, and Keri Blumer. The group came to the Billingsly Student Center Nov. 18. A high school band called Idiosyncrosy opened for the trio.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

22 *Die Another Day, The Emperor's Club* and *Friday After Next* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theater.

A free lunch and learn will be held @ noon until 1 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of Billingsly.

Lady Lions basketball will play @ 6 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla. vs. Central Oklahoma.

Lions basketball will play @ 7 p.m. at home vs. Philander Smith.

23 Lady Lions basketball will play @ 6 p.m. at Tahlequah, Okla. vs. Northeastern State.

Lions basketball will play @ 7 p.m. at home vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State.

24 "Sunday Supper" will be held at Wesley Student Center. Volleyball starts @ 5 p.m. The free supper starts @ 6 p.m.

25 CAB meets @ noon in BSC 310. Lunch is free.

BSU will be having a Thanksgiving Banquet @ 6:30 p.m. at the BSU.

26 Lady Lions basketball will play @ 6 p.m. at home vs. Lindenwood.

Lions basketball will play @ 7:30 p.m. at Quincy, Ill.

27 Lunch will be provided @ noon until 12:45 p.m. at the BSU.

The Thanksgiving Holiday begins! No school today! Classes resume on Dec 1.

28 It's Thanksgiving Day! Time to go home, eat all the good food you can before you have to come back and go back to cafeteria food!

Weekend Happenings:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: World Machine 2 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.
Saturday: Shaking Tree 4-9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

Kharacters::
Friday: Macon Pinewood Derby 9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.
Saturday: Jetta Soul 9 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.

Fusion::
Saturday: Happy Hour 4:30-10 p.m.

Useless Information

Some biblical scholars believe that Aramaic (the language of the ancient Bible) did not contain an easy way to say "many things" and used a term which has come down to us as 40. Therefore many times in the Bible where it says "40 days," it actually meant many days (wow, that's accuracy for you).

Table tennis balls have been known to travel off a paddle at speeds up to 100 mph (ha, ha... dodge ball).

Hippopotamuses break wind through their mouths (mmm... tasty).

The fingerprints of koala bears are almost indistinguishable from those of humans, so much that they could be confused at a crime scene (question: Why would a koala's fingerprints be at a crime scene?).

"Naked" means to be unprotected. "Nude" means unclothed.

NOTE: All information for this section taken from http://come.to/phil
So sue them, not me!

PRESIDENT:

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Board president at the time, asked León to take the helm. He gladly accepted and was named president at the start of the 1982 school year.

"Here was this challenge," he said. "I could continue to help the process. This is what motivated me."

When Vivian León heard about her husband's new job promotion, she knew he'd be the perfect individual for the job.

"He had such a love for Missouri Southern," Vivian said. "He always was excited about what was happening and what could be done."

She said the new position meant a lot to the León family and how it helped them establish themselves in Missouri.

"We grew to love the area," she said. "We grew roots here."

Although the journey has been long for Dr. Julio León, it's been relatively simple.

Living in Iquique, Chile, a sleepy town in the northern port of the country, León had a "rough" childhood.

"Three blocks from my house was the sports stadium," he said. "Five blocks away from my house was the ocean, and just around the corner was the library."

For 18 years, León lived in his own little paradise. When he wasn't involved with sports or playing on the beach with friends, he could always be found at the library. He loved reading, stretching his mind to a world outside of South America.

After graduating high school, León had two passions in life: track and teaching. He wanted to run, and he wanted to teach. The ambitious runner was quick, too. He landed a spot on the Chilean National track team. Along with his teammates, they would always talk about the United States and how it was a world power in track at the time.

"I wanted to run track for an American college," he said

Running 800 meters in 1 minute, 49 seconds and the mile in 4 minutes, 8 seconds, was impressive to recruiters from Odessa Junior College in Odessa, Texas. They were looking for a young star and offered León a scholarship.

He left his little paradise for the Longhorn state to continue searching for his dream. He wanted to run, but it was teaching that always led him in the right direction.

"Track and field was just a pastime," he said. "Deep within me was a desire to be a teacher."

After a successful run at the junior college level, Leon transferred to Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. While attending an international club meeting, León met Vivian, his future wife, who was from Hong Kong.

Together they transferred to North Texas University in Denton, Texas. By then León had quit track, concentrating completely on his education. After receiving his master's degree in business and administration, León attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville to pursue his doctorate degree.

The doctorate was a piece of cake.

"It wasn't difficult," he said. "School has always been easy for me; it was fun."

León never thought he'd be at the top for such a long run. Not having any critical problems during the stretch helps, but it's always been the institution that keeps him coming back for more.

The drive to see Southern succeed is what's important. He said he wants to see the College accomplish a variety of goals. He hopes to ease budget problems with the state, continue expanding the distance and international programs and also look for a university name change.

But what's really important, León said, is the teaching.

"We've been successful in maintaining at this institution a strong emphasis on good teaching," he said.

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, attended the University of Arkansas with León.

"I've always enjoyed him as a person, a colleague and his visual ideas," Gray said.

Over the years, the two have become friends. They know one another well.

"He's always on the leading edge," Gray said. "And, I appreciate that."

León's secretary, Nancy Messick, has worked with him in the administration office for close to 20 years. Last year, Messick transferred to the president's office to work with León.

"I highly respect him," Messick said. "He has a lot of weight on his shoulders."

Vivian, who knows him best, said it makes her happy seeing her husband work at Southern for so long. She knows in the end, it's what makes him happy.

"I see enjoyment out of him when he's with students and making new friends," she said. "He's always looking out for them — he just loves people."

At age 64, León said he doesn't know what's next with his future at Southern. He does, however, know he doesn't plan on retiring any time soon.

"I don't see myself rocking on my lawn chair on the porch for a very long while," he said. "I want to work as long as I can."

REGENTS:

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on Higher Education, originally scheduled for Dec. 4, was canceled due to a shortage of funds.

The CBHE, however, will hold a regular meeting that day. Gov. Bob Holden will be present to award the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dr. Beverly Block, professor of business, is Southern's nominee.

Immediately following the CBHE luncheon and awards ceremony, a second Trustee's Forum for 2002 will take place. The format has been changed from the first forum. The governor will address the attendees regarding funding and higher education, then the trustees and regents will break into groups to discuss these subjects in more detail.

"If there's anything to get the bullseye off our back as far as financial things go, please let us [Student Senate] know," said Zack Odem, Student Senate president.

León also announced Southern has a good chance of experiencing a name change next semester. He said some of the newly elected legislators have plans to file a bill proposing university status as soon as the new legislative session begins.

"We will need support from Regents, faculty and students," he said.

Odem said Student Senate is willing to do all it can to help the College obtain university status.

Odem also reported that Student Senate is working on naming all the campus streets. The Senate has submitted 14 suggestions to León and Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs. The list will eventually be eliminated to 11 names.

Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, announced reports and curricular proposals.

He reported the major changes will occur in biology, music, information systems and education.

Martin also announced two retirements, Dr. Nancy Smith, professor of teacher education, and Dr. Bonnie Cox, assistant professor of teacher education, will take effect July 1, 2003.

In financial news, Rob Yust, treasurer, said a $600,000 payment will be made on the investment and plant fund next month. Agee said the construction on the crosswalks is "going very well."

According to the contract, the project must be substantially complete by Jan. 21 and completely finished by Feb. 11.

The next Regents meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, in the Billingsly Student Center, Room 314.

CHOIR:

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another weekly rehearsal.

Clark said when the entire program is completed, the choir will perform in the area to work out kinks and exterminate any butterflies members might experience.

"It's quite an honor to be accepted and a thrill for the kids, a thrill for me and it's wonderful for Missouri Southern," Clark said. "It's good recruiting school. A lot of high school teachers are there. They see what kind of product we produce, and they hopefully encourage their students to go to Missouri Southern."

Daryl Foster, junior vocal music major, has been involved with the Southern music department for three years.

"I want to do my part to make the choir the best ensemble it can be," he said. "We have a lot of vocal talent. I just want us to be the best we can be."

Foster said he works five hours a week in the classroom for choir and two to three hours a week on his own rehearsing and perfecting the pieces.

"The students we have are some of the best kids I've ever had, and so I am just proud to show them off," Clark said. "I think it's going to be a wonderful performance."

SCHOLARSHIP:

From Page 3

in attendance and raise more than $1,100. Campbell said nearly $1,800 was raised.

"Not all the money has come in yet, so we don't have to final total yet, but we do know we exceeded our goal," she said.

"I think it would be nice if other organizations did what this organization does, funding a person to go to college," Cole said.

She began her college career as a business major in 1992.

Cole left Southern in 1994 and took a job as a retail manager. Later, she worked for the Jasper County Health Department as a clerk and Spanish translator.

"The more exposure I had to what the nurses had with the clients, I decided to go back to school for medicine," Cole said.

She retuned to college in 2001, with a goal of pursuing a career in pediatrics.

"I decided to go for the gold and become a doctor," she said.

"I didn't think I there was any way I would be in the running for this scholarship."

Aside from 10 hours a week in the biology lab at Southern, Cole volunteers at the Joplin Community Clinic and has her hands full at home.

She and her husband have a 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

"My husband is very supportive, and I'm blessed with good kids," Cole said. "I wouldn't be able to handle my class load if I didn't have such good kids.

"I don't know if they (the organization) know how much it means to be the recipient of their scholarship.

Since it's a full 12 hour tuition, it really helps out."

MCCALEB:

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In the Oct. 22, 1999, issue of *The Chart*, Jeff Wells, who was executive editor at the time, wrote a touching tribute to this man. I would encourage anyone who wants a deeper insight on McCaleb and his life to read it.

I feel privileged that I was able to meet and visit with the McCalebs.

And while I am saddened that future editors of *The Chart* will never get to know him personally, I believe as long as the paper is published, the spirit of Mr. McCaleb will continue to live.

I still have two letters and a card the McCalebs sent to me while I was on the staff of *The Chart*.

Those letters will forever remain keepsakes; they will remind me of the McCalebs' kindness and generosity.

They are letters of encouragement or thanks for something I wrote or did, but in reality I should have been thanking them.

Missouri Southern should be grateful to its former students like the McCalebs, for people of this caliber are few and far between in a world corrupt with greed and lust for power. The McCalebs gave back.

Though nearly 60 years had passed since they were students in the halls of Joplin Junior College, they saw fit to reward the College with a gift worth $150,000. But that was not all they gave.

They gave their time, their ideas and their support.

IN PLACE:

From Page 4

editor — drives my car like no one else can.

• Virginia Fairchild, city editor — shares tissues and hugs with me when times get tough.

The "studly ad duo" also deserves to be on this list:

• Matt Comer ("NY") — possibly the coolest guy I've ever met and a pretty knowledgeable music critic, too, especially when it comes to the '80s.

• Matt Caufield — thanks for trusting me so much and for making me laugh so much.

Our publications manager and advertising coach deserve much credit as well:

• Rhonda Clark and Brenda Kilby — although I'm sure you're sometimes embarrassed to admit it, you two are our "newspaper moms."

Through friendships with staffers, a few people have even become honorary members of *The Chart*:

• Becky, Graham, Genna, etc. — you know who you are and why we love you so much.

Before I finish, let me apologize to the staff members I couldn't mention. All of you have made this year's experience a great one.

And now a short plug for our newspaper — I guarantee anyone who joins *The Chart* will have a similar experience, and like me, find out just how wonderful these people are. We have much fun together and still win awards for a nationally-recognized college newspaper.

Allison Rosewicz is the Editor-in-Chief for The Chart. *Her opinions are her own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.*

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Shops expect prosperous season

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
City Editor

Time is running out for area stores and boutiques to prepare for the holiday shopping season.

From the day after Thanksgiving on, stores typically are filled to the brim with bustling customers searching for the perfect gift and taking advantage of the season's sales.

As holiday cheer is blaring over the intercom systems in department stores across the country, more work has to be done behind the scenes to accommodate the excess customers and ensure the busy days pass smoothly. Customers not only want a high product in return for their dollar, most would also like to be treated with hospitality.

With all the extra work to be done, stores have to kick management into high gear and put on extra pads of workers to handle the money-spending consumers.

Michael White, owner of Dryer's Shoe Store in the Northpark Mall, said he waited on his first holiday customers a few weekends ago. He said the busy season for his store begins around this time of year and doesn't end until the first week in January.

White said he doesn't hire extra help just for the busy time. Instead, he plans his inventory well in advance to ensure he has quality products with a variety of sizes on the shelf.

"We look at what kind of merchandise has not moved during the season and it's probably going to get discounted more to clear it out," he said. "We try to have more profitable merchandise in the store.

"It gets challenging through December because most of the manufacturers are out of the good inventory. The best sellers are gone."

White said he doubles the amount of advertising, and his store has special sales throughout the holiday season.

"It brings customers in," he said, "and we give them some good deals and hopefully make them buyers."

Jane Richart, owner of Upstairs Boutique at 502 S. Main St. and UB2 located in the Northpark Mall, said she hires additional staff, promotes special sales and events, as well as increases advertising to encourage the holiday shoppers to visit her store. Inventory is also an area in which she prepares her stores.

Sales during the month of December at Dryer's Shoe Store, White said, are around 30-35 percent higher than any other month in the year.

White said the low economy is a question on every retailer's mind right now. He said the economy has only affected the consistency of his store's sales.

"Over a fiscal year, we're about even with last year," he said. "It's difficult to try and figure out what kind of inventory to bring in each month because we're on such a rollercoaster throughout the year.

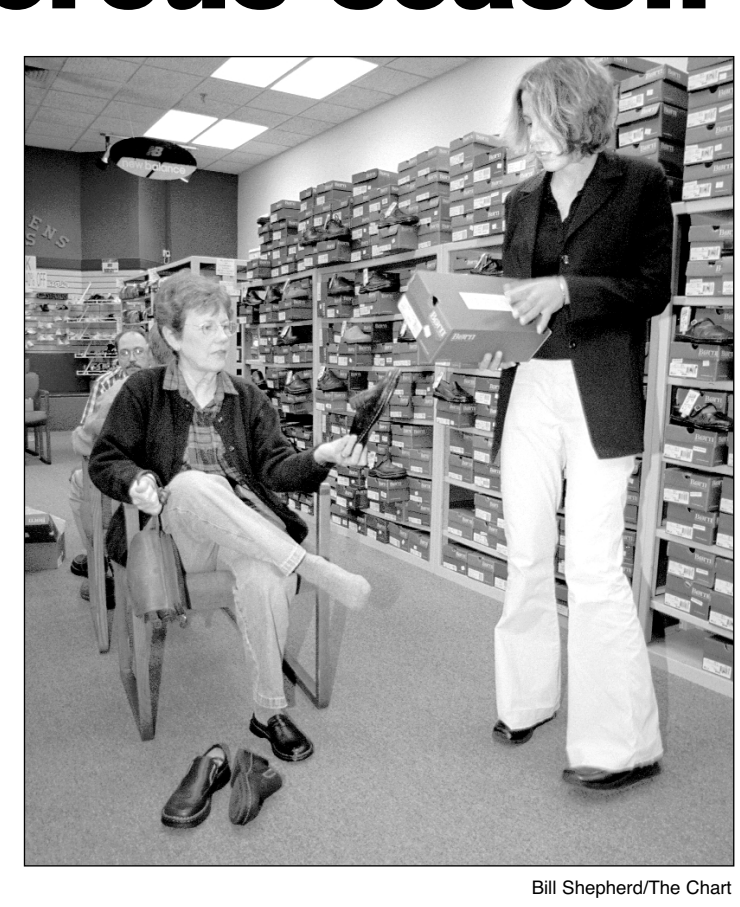
"I look for Christmas to be good in our store due to the economy. People will buy things that make more since like clothes and shoes."

As for goals, White said his store is aiming to maintain last year's sales levels.

"If we remain even or a little up, we'll be happy," he said. "Everybody I've talked to doesn't know what's going to happen. The big challenge is with all the uncertainty right now."

Richart is confident her store will exceed the goals she has set for this holiday season.

"Last year, after 9-11, we thought it'd affect our Christmas significantly and the sales were sporadic," she said.



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Angeta Campbell, freshman undecided major, assists Ruby Dunn of Carl Junction at Dryer's Shoe Store.

"They have been this fall too, but then it just kicks in. We had a tremendous selling season last year for gift giving at Christmas time, and we expect that this year too."

She said the store will open its doors on Sundays during the month of December to give customers more time to shop.

"We have a lot of new things this year that are different from last year," Richart said.

The store invested in gift cards, and designed special "wish list" forms to ease the frustration experienced in finding the perfect gift.

Local officials work to eliminate money fraud

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement agencies are putting a stop to credit card and check fraud in Joplin and surrounding areas.

Joplin Police Investigations Division, local law enforcement and area businesses are working together to stop crime in Southwest Missouri.

The process works by allowing local banks and retailers and citizens to enter the account number and other information from the stolen check or credit card into a database. This information is then shared with other businesses so everyone is aware the information is stolen.

More than 75 retail stores, 45 banks and 23 law enforcement agencies are involved in this process.

"The response is wonderful," said Lt. Carl Francis of the Joplin Police Department. "Many new businesses and banks have called to get involved since the last media release."

These tactics have been around for about 10 years, but local businesses are just now getting involved.

Local businesses and banks are grateful for the technology.

"Fraud is occurring all the time; we need this help to prevent it from happening," said Marcia Baker, member services supervisor of Joplin Metro Credit Union.

Francis pointed out theft by check and credit card crimes presents the highest loss in money for the city of Joplin.

Investigators warn the people committing these crimes are becoming more creative.

Reports have been made that area citizens have received telephone calls from alleged Internet companies saying they can secure customers' Internet business transactions. They ask for individuals to give them their routing numbers from checking accounts, which give access to the accounts.

Persons wanting to receive information or wishing to participate in this effort to reduce check and credit card crime are encouraged to notify the investigations division of the Joplin Police Department.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Free diabetes testing open to Joplin area

St. John's Health Connection will provide free diabetes screenings from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday in the Health conference room in the Northpark Mall.

Fasting before the test is preferred but not required. No appointment is needed.

For information or to reserve a time slot, persons interested may call Vicki Lazure at 659-6337 or 625-2000.

City of Joplin hosts annual leave pick-up

City of Joplin will begin picking up leaves in residential areas within the city limits beginning Monday Dec. 2.

Until this time, the city would prefer residents not rake leaves into the streets. To dispose of leaves now, persons may take them to the Joplin Public Works Center located at 1301 W. Second St. Collection bins are open year round, 24 hours a day.

An alternative to leaf disposal is composing or burning. For composing instructions, persons may call 624-0820 Ext. 501. For more information on burning leaves, persons may call 623-0403.

Area Holiday Market kicks off Wednesday

Area crafts people and holiday vendors are invited to sell their wares at the annual Webb City Holiday Market from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27 at the Clubhouse located at 115 N. Madison.

The event is sponsored by the Webb City Farmers' Market and the Webb City Historical Society. Booth spaces are $10 indoors and $5 outside (weather permitting).

For information or to reserve a space, interested persons may call Eileen Nichols at 673-5866.

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Lions cross country sets new standard

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The men's cross country team races at 1 p.m. (Eastern) on Nov. 23 in the MIAA Division II National Cross Country Meet in Ashland, Ohio.

The team will compete against 22 of the best teams in the nation, not including the host individuals who have made the competition.

Fortunately, the team has traveled to this particular showing numerous times.

In the year 2000, the team finished sixth and last season, 2001, finished 17th.

Currently, the polls indicate the Missouri Southern men are ranked 13th nationally, but the team has set a higher standard for itself this year said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

He hopes the men will finish in the top four, which would give them a nice trophy to hang next to their MIAA Conference Champion and second place regional finishes.

"Our team always sets a higher standard than what we are given," Rutledge said.

The team faces a difficult problem — it can only enter seven runners. The men have a great amount of talent and determination within their team, creating a tough decision for Rutledge.

The team's depth provides many options for Rutledge to choose from, but he was forced to pick seven.

"Any of the runners would have done well in the meet," Rutledge said.

The seven runners are Larry Boswell, Magnus Holmstrom, Paul Koehler, Petri Kykyri, Brian Lyons, Craig Rhoads and Michael Sutter.

The runners have faith in each other to do well during practice and competition.

Preparation by their coach and each other keep them motivated.

"Everyone is peaking at the proper time, and there is a lot more intensity in the workout," said Craig Rhoads, sophomore environmental health major.

The competition the men's team has faced has not been easy. Its competition has been some of the top Division I and II squads in the nation. They have competed against teams such as the University of Arkansas and Abilene Christian University, giving them an advantage for the National meet.

The success of the season is not solely based upon this national meet. Rutledge is proud and honored to have athletes who do well inside and outside of sports.

"I have been blessed with great individuals with great chemistry," Rutledge said. "Whether or not they place in the top 10, they have had a successful season."

T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Brian Lyons, senior, finishes a two-mile run at practice. The national meet takes place Nov. 23 in Ashland, Ohio. The team is ranked 13th nationally.

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Second Quarter

MSSC-Mathes 41 pass from Chapman (Hilburn pass), 11:52. MSSC-Chapman 28 run (Minard kick), 6:03.

Third Quarter

MSSC-Chapman 8 run (Minard kick), 10:52. UMR-Moss 60 pass from Brown (Mendrygal kick failed), 10:34. MSSC-Chapman 2 run (Minard kick), 7:10. UMR-Davis 18 pass from Brown (Brownpass failed), 4:46. MSSC-Chapman 1 run (Minard kick), 2:06. MSSC-Bizzell 9 run (Minard kick), 00:35.

Fourth Quarter

UMR-Moss 45 pass from Brown (Mendrygal kick), 13:41. UMR-Smith 6 pass from Mahoney (Mendrygal kick failed), 1:12.

Men's Basketball

Nov. 16
Home (exhibition)
MSSC (84)
Warren 4-10 0-1 8, Rose 5-10 1-1 12, Redmond 5-7 3-5 13, Watts 3-7 2-2 9, Ocasio 6-10 0-1 14, Hice 2-4 1-2 6, Clair 0-0 1-3 1, Cruse 0-0 0-0 0, Sherrel 1-2 0-0 2, Aponte 1-4 0-0 2, Engelken 3-6 0-0 9, Jones 2-4 0-0 4, Scheirer 2-5 0-0 4, Collazo 0-1 0-0 0.
Dream Builders (65)
Williams 9-19 0-0 22, Turner 4-12 2-4 10, Ramsone 2-4 0-0 4, Harrington 3-9 0-0 6, Pepper 4-9 3-4 11, Kruschke 0-0 0-0 0, Powell 3-5 0-0 7, Denning 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 2-6 0-0 5, Tyler 0-2 0-0 0.

Halftime-MSSC 51, Dream Builders 25. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-MSSC 42 (Warren 8), Dream Builders 42 (Turner 13). Total fouls-MSSC 13, Dream Builders 15.

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Double Dribble

Twin basketball players wreak havoc on court

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

Lady Lions basketball fans will be seeing double this season as twins Chrissie and Nicole Greninger, freshmen, step out on the court.

Nicole is a heath promotion major and a shooting guard for the Lady Lions. Chrissie is pursuing a nursing degree while serving as point guard on the team.

The Greninger twins, as they are known on campus, actually are two-thirds of the Greninger triplets. Mark Greninger is their triplet brother who works for Gunlock Sheet Metal.

The women came to Southern from Webb City High School where they have been playing basketball for the past four years.

They chose to play at Southern after learning it was the only college that wanted both of the women to play on the basketball team. Other institutions wanted Nicole or Chrissie, not Nicole and Chrissie. Both women received basketball scholarships from Southern.

"It's really neat playing with each other," Chrissie said. "We both know the other one is there without even looking at each other."

Nicole said they play well together as sisters although they are sometimes too competitive with one another.

"We try to play one on one and are so competitive that we just have to stop," Chrissie said.

Teammate Kacey Inman, junior, said it's neat having the twins on the team this year because they play really well together.

The Lady Lions team is expected to go far this season.

"We are like a family," Chrissie said. "We never fight or argue, and we spend a lot of time together."

Practices for the women are fun but full of life's lessons as well as learning basketball skills.

"As the games are getting closer, all the stuff they are teaching us is starting to click," Chrissie said.

Tim Greninger, the women's uncle, said his nieces are not only good basketball players, but great sportsmen as well.

The Greningers' career goals go far beyond that of college basketball and earning their degrees. Chrissie wants to become a nurse anesthetist and would also like to continue her basketball career after college if given the opportunity.

"I want to go to World Wrestling Entertainment and become a pro wrestler," Nicole said.

She said she would like to continue her basketball career, but thinks she has a better chance at qualifying in MTV's television show, "Tough Enough."

This is no joke to Nicole. Her family is well aware of her pro wrestling dream and continues to encourage the women to succeed in everything they do.

Mark Greninger, their father, said people told Nicole she couldn't play basketball at 5-foot-5, but she is proving them wrong.

He said she will also prove them wrong when she succeeds in her wrestling career.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Chrissie, left, and Nicole Greninger are freshmen sisters playing for the Lady Lions basketball team. Chrissie wants to be a nurse and Nicole wants to become a pro wrestler.

Chrissie and Nicole having been dribbling a ball since age 5, but give credit for their success to their parents and basketball coaches from high school.

"The person that taught me everything about basketball and pushed me the most is Rick Prigg," Chrissie said.

"He is a great friend."

Prigg, who owns Four Season Sports Complex, also received much praise from the twins' father.

"If he hadn't pushed them so hard, the girls said they would have felt like they never had a chance," Mark Greninger said.

"When you have a high school coach pushing you hard, all he's trying to do is get you ready for the next level."

Greninger said he gave Prigg permission early on to be hard on his daughters and push them to their limits.

Both of the women earned All-State honors in high school, and Chrissie was a second-team All-State pick last year.

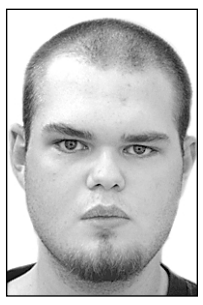
Mark and their Uncle Tim attend weekly practices held in Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Their dad also played a role in their success other than encouraging their coaches to push them.

"When we were little, he made us practice everyday," Nicole said. "In a foot of snow, he would tell us to go shoot. That's why we are where we are today."

Chrissie and Nicole look forward to tipping off their season.

Rudy best sports movie ever made, period

Philip Martin
Sports Editor



Eric Scott
Asst. Sports Editor

Twisted Two dish out top sports movie picks

Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day. You fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way.

And one of these ways is by watching the 10 greatest sports movies ever made. And to help you pick which movies are the best, we have compiled a list.

Coming in at no. 10 is ***Tin Cup*** (Eric's pick).

E: Well, basically, it's a movie about a nobody golfer that used to be a somebody. He makes a comeback by competing in the U.S Open, and he kicks his archrival's behind.

It's a Kevin Costner movie, but it's actually not a three-hour movie. Grade A top choice movie, there.

P: I've seen this. It's a chick flick, kind of. I picked ***Requiem for a Heavyweight***, but most of you probably have seen *Tin Cup*.

No. 9: ***Kingpin***.

P: This is a classic movie about a bowler who loses his hand, can't compete and recruits an Amish bowler.

I'm telling you, a classic and Bill Murray has a great performance in this. Pretty freakin' hilarious.

E: I'm gonna have to go ahead and agree on that one there. Talk about comedy. It doesn't get any better than an Amish bowler and a guy with a prosthetic arm.

No.8: ***The Sandlot***.

P: A classic coming-of-age movie, surrounded by the game of baseball and a ball signed by Babe Ruth that the kid hammers over the fence to a dog who eats baseballs. But all in all, a funny movie set in the 1960s that anyone can enjoy.

No. 7: ***Pride of the Yankees***.

E: Now many of you might not have seen this movie since it was made in the 1940s, but it is an all-time great. The flick is about the life of the Iron Horse himself, Lou Gehrig. It stars acting legend Gary Cooper as Lou, and Babe Ruth as himself. I also believe it won a couple of Academy Awards. It's one of those movies that'll bring tears to your eye, not that it brought any to mine (Manly grunt).

No. 6: ***The Hurricane***

P: I'm pretty sure you all know the story of *The Hurricane*, and I don't have to tell you about it. But, for those of you who don't know, the story is about the heavyweight champion who was arrested for a murder he didn't commit and spent years behind bars trying to clear his name.

Just a real great movie based on the person's true life.

No. 5: **tie *Major League* —*Rocky***

P: Some controversy here folks. I picked *Rocky* and Eric picked *Major League* for the fifth spot, so it's a tie.

I still believe *Rocky* belongs in the fifth spot alone, behind *Major League*. Anyway, *Major League* is a great comedic tour de force. I guarantee a good portion of you know the plot, and I don't need to explain. But most definitely, better than *Rocky* on my list.

E: Now Philip, that's just crazy talk right there. I mean *Major League* is definitely an excellent movie, but it just doesn't compare to Sylvester Stallone's only movie with artistic integrity. For those who don't know about *Rocky*, and if you don't, shame on you, it's a movie about a street fighter struggling to make it that gets a one time shot against the boxing heavyweight champion of the world. It just brings me joy when I hear Stallone shout "Adrian!"

P: Just two words to say here: "YO, ADRIAN!!"

No. 3: ***Remember the Titans***

E: This movie was made by Disney, so you probably know how the plot goes. A team with no chance has to overcome adversity and tragedy to win the state championship in 1970s Virginia. This movie was based on a true story and it stars Denzel Washington. If it stars Denzel, then clearly it is a movie of epic proportions.

P: Yeah, just a classic movie. You, the reader, will see that we like our sports movies to be about real life, seeing as how half the list is true stories.

Which brings us to No. 2: ***Hoosiers***

P: Oh, my goodness. Just an unbelievable movie. What can I say?

I have only seen this movie once, and I remember that it was a powerful movie that can move people to tears. Not me, but other people (Manly grunt).

Now the moment you have all been waiting for.

Drum roll please, the greatest sports movie ever: ***Rudy***.

P: What can you say about the only player in Notre Dame history since 1975 to be carried off the field? And he only played one game. This is just an awesome movie, and if you have never seen it, shame on you. This is a story about a boy's love for Irish football and his quest to be on the Notre Dame football team.

Which is the dream of all true Irish fans, correct? Yes, it is. Nothing compares to the final scene when the whole crowd starts chanting, "Rudy, Rudy, Rudy!" The coach, being stubborn as he is, puts Rudy in during the last two plays of the game, in which he sacks the quarterback. No one expected that. Last time I saw it, it brought a tear to my eye. I'm strong enough in my manhood to say that and not be ashamed of it.

E: Not much to say about this one except I get inspired every time I see this movie. I decide I'm going to tryout for my football team and make the squad.

Then two seconds later, I grab some food and plop down on the couch as I decide I enjoy being lazy.

There you have it — the greatest sports movies ever, and if you have a movie that should be on the list, write us a letter and tell us your favorites. For those of you who don't agree that *Rudy* isn't the greatest movie ever, then who cares?

QB Chapman breaks record

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

You reached for the secret too soon, you cried for the moon. Shine on Josh Chapman.

On Nov. 16, the Missouri Southern Lions traveled to the University of Missouri-Rolla and defeated the Miner's, 49-25.

Bill Cooke, head football coach, said earlier this game was a game that could mean people's careers if they don't win. One of these persons is senior quarterback, Chapman. Chapman ran for 246 yards and also passed for 246 yards during the game, thus receiving 5,568 yards on 484 of 907 passing with 45 touchdowns and 3,233 rushing yards on 602 carries and 28 touchdowns in his career. He was the only quarterback in Division II history to ever achieve that feat.

After finishing the season with 2,398 yards passing and 1,010 yards rushing, Chapman became the second quarterback in NCAA history (the only Division-II player) to achieve that honor.

Chapman was named MIAA offensive MVP, and along with eight other Lions, named to the all-conference team. The other Lions include junior safety Ryan Burpo to the second-team defense; senior running back Donald Glover, junior tight end Brandon Hill, freshman offensive line Jason Stumbo, and sophomore wide receiver Craig Winfrey received honorable mention offense, and sophomore safety T.J. Onstott and junior defensive tackle Arley Smith received honorable mention defense.

"There's a lot of great players in this league," Chapman said. "It was an overall team award."

He was named MIAA MVP as well as MIAA player of the week. Chapman ends his career at Southern with his name on 26 records in Southern's book. With his college career over, Chapman is now looking forward to his possible career in the NFL. Both the Houston Texans and the Cleveland Browns have visited Southern to test Chapman as a possible quarterback for their teams.

"I had a great five years at Southern and would like to wish my fellow teammates the best of luck," he said.

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Coach expects surprises

There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold. And she's rooting for the men's basketball team.

Last week I told you about how the Lady Lions' basketball team will do, now it is time for me to predict how the Lions will perform. I will say they will go to the post-season, just like in the 1999-2000 season.

But this time, no damn Metropolitan State College is going to beat us. Know why? Because some assistant sports editor, who will remain nameless, Eric Scott, is transferring up there at the end of semester. Eric will bring bad luck to this college just because he wants to leave the glory of Missouri Southern basketball.

Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Let me get back to the basketball team.

Head coach Robert Corn is in his 14th year as coach and has led the team to six MIAA post-seasons. The Lions' last post-season came during the 1999-2000 season, which I have mentioned already, which came with their best record to date, 30-3. Will there be a return to glory for the Lions? I believe so.

But, Corn seems to think those who make predictions are setting themselves up for a fall. Which could be true, but I want to make these predictions anyway.

"But ever since I've been in this league, there has always been one team surprised on the positive side and one team surprised on the negative side," Corn said.

Corn is excited about this basketball team and the chances it has this year.

He said it's different than any other year before because there are not many players returning. He said Jamahr Warren, Hiram Ocasio and Zach Scheirer are the three players with the most minutes playing coming into this season. None the less, it will still be an exciting season. Even when the Lions do go all the way.

"As the year progresses, we will continue to improve as a basketball team," Corn said. "We're going to be a fun team to watch."

Indeed, the Lions will be a fun team to watch, just like always. But there is one thing Corn hasn't decided — who will to be the starters.

He said the team might have a different starting lineup for the first couple of games until the team settles "in on what kind of rotation we want to have."

I think that is a good idea, especially because this could throw off the other teams, and they won't know what to expect.

Corn said he expects the competition is going to be a "dogfight" each game.

Finally, I will leave you with some words of wisdom from Coach Corn, just like I left you with some last week from Coach Mitts:

"You can't assume anything. Anybody is certainly capable of beating any of the other teams. You got to make sure your team is ready and prepared to play every time out."

The first game of the season is Friday against Philander Smith at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

CHILDREN of the CORN

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off a 20-8 last year, Lions basketball hopes to gain its fourth all-time appearance to the NCAA Division II Tournament, and its first tournament berth since since 1999-2000.

Southern returns one starter, senior forward Jamahr Warren, from a squad that went 12-6 in the MIAA in 2001-2002.

"We haven't really changed anything with our offensive and defensive strategies," said Robert Corn, head coach. "We're going to continue what we've done in years past."

Corn said the two seniors, Warren and Zach Scheirer, center, will be important in helping with the leadership of the team.

In its exhibition game on Nov. 16 against the Dream Builders, the Lions outscored the Dream Builders 51-25 in the first half and shot 48.6 percent for the game. Sophomore shooting guard Hiram Ocasio scored a team high 14 points. Junior point guard Ameer Watts added nine points, eight rebounds, and eight assists as Southern defeated the Dream Builders, 84-65.

"We played very well in the first half," Ocasio said. "We were able to finish the game strong."

Corn said the team did a "great job of making extra passes." He also said the players "pushed the ball up the court well, and they also played good defense."

Corn said the starting lineup for the first game will be the same as it was against the Dream Builders.

"There are several guys on this team capable of starting," Corn said. "As the year progresses, several guys will be battling for playing time."

Corn said the team plans to go about 10 players deep because "it is hard to play beyond 10 players."

Ocasio said the team is working on many things right, which includes defense, boxing out for rebounds, and offense.

He said the strategy on offense is to "penetrate inside the lane, and if that doesn't work, kick it out."

"We need to work on rebounding the ball because we have a small team, so boxing out will be important," Corn said. "Ball control and consistency for 40 minutes is also important."

Corn said "every game is a challenge" in the season. He considers the toughest games to be against Rockhurst, Southwestern Oklahoma, Northwestern Oklahoma, Pittsburg State and Washburn.

"We have to make sure we're prepared every night," Corn said.

Corn said the keys to the season will be solid rebounding and good defense.

"Defense will be important," he said. "If you play solid defense, it will create offense."

The team's goals are "to become the best team they can, take it game by game and try to grow as a team."

"We need to play like a team," Ocasio said. "If we play like a team, we'll win a lot of games."

"Defense will be important. If you play solid defense, it will create offense."

Robert Corn
Head Basketball Coach

"We need to play like a team. If we play like a team, we'll win a lot of games."

Hiram Ocasio
Sophomore Guard

Photo illustrations: Andy Tevis

Lions basketball roster

No.	Name	Position	Year
4	David Watkins III	Guard	Soph.
10	Kristain Hice	Guard	Junior
12	Ameer Watts	Guard	Junior
14	Arthur Clair	G/F	Fresh.
20	David Cruise	G/F	Junior
23	MacKenzie Sherrel	Guard	Junior
24	Michael Aponte	Guard	Fresh.*
30	Jamahr Warren	Forward	Senior
32	Darrell Redmond	Forward	Junior
33	Caleb Engelken	Forward	Soph.
34	Dan Jones	Forward	Fresh.*
40	Hiram Ocasio	Guard	Soph.
42	Brandon Treadwell	Guard	Fresh.
44	Patrick Essono	Guard	Fresh.
50	Zach Scheirer	Center	Senior
52	Carlos Collazo	Forward	Fresh.
53	Deon Rose	Forward	Junior

*-denotes redshirt

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Jamahr Warren, senior forward, penetrates the lane during the Lions' exhibition game against the Dream Builders. Southern defeated the Dream Builders, 84-65.